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ordered to be published in the **Federal Register**.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For further information, including a list of the exhibit objects, contact Julie Simpson, Attorney-Adviser, Office of the Legal Adviser, U.S. Department of State (telephone: (202) 453-8050). The address is U.S. Department of State, SA-44, 301 4th Street, SW., Room 700, Washington, DC 20547-0001.

Dated: August 31, 2007.

C. Miller Crouch,

Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary for Educational and Cultural Affairs, Department of State.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Highway Administration

Environmental Impact Statement: El Paso County, TX

AGENCY: Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), DOT.

ACTION: Notice of Intent.

SUMMARY: The Federal Highway Administration is issuing this notice to advise the public that an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) will be prepared for the proposed Loop 375 César Chávez Highway (Border Highway West Extension) in El Paso, Texas, to include the Texas, New Mexico, and Ciudad Juárez, Chihuahua México border region. The proposed project is part of an alternate route to provide congestion relief for Interstate 10 (I-10), an east-west facility north of the proposed project. The project is a key element in the Gateway 2030 Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP) prepared by the El Paso Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO).

The proposed Border Highway West Extension would extend approximately 13.8 miles and would provide a continuous route from I-10 east of State Highway (SH) 20 (Mesa Street) to Sunland Park Drive continuing on Loop 375 to end at Untied States Highway (US) 54.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Donald Davis, District Engineer (South), Federal Highway Administration, Texas Division, 300 East 8th Street, Room 826, Austin, Texas 78701; Telephone (512) 536-5960.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The current facility exists as follows:

- Six-lane expressway from I-10 to Sunland Park.

- Four-lane facility along US 85 from New Mexico Route 273 to US 62 (Paisano Drive).

- Four-lane boulevard from Paisano Drive to Santa Fe Street.

- Four six-lane boulevard transitioning to a six-lane barrier separated controlled access facility from Santa Fe Street to US 54.

The proposed project would add capacity and upgrade the existing facility to a controlled access facility through the addition of two to four through-lanes (one to two lanes in each direction).

The Border Highway West Extension EIS will evaluate build and no-build alternatives. In addition to the build and no-build/no-action alternatives, Transportation System Management (TSM)/Transportation Demand Management (TDM), mass transit, and tolled and non-tolled alternatives will be examined. Also, the EIS will study potential impacts from construction and operation of the proposed roadway including, but not limited to, the following: transportation impacts (construction detours, construction traffic, mobility improvements), air and noise impacts from construction equipment and operation of the facilities, water quality impacts from construction area and roadway storm water runoff, impacts to waters of the United States, impacts to historic and archeological resources, impacts to floodplain, socio-economic resources (including Environmental Justice and Limited English Proficiency population) indirect and cumulative impacts, land use, vegetation, wildlife, impacts to and/or potential displacement of residences and businesses, and aesthetic and visual resources. Anticipated federal permits, pending selection of alternatives and field surveys may include, but are not limited to, the following: Section 106 (National Historic Preservation Act), Section 401/404 (Clean Water Act), and Section 7 (Endangered Species Act). A Project Coordination Plan will be provided in accordance with Public Law 109-59, Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient Transportation Equity Act: A Legacy for Users (SAFETEA-LU), Title VI, Section 6002, Efficient Environmental Reviews for Project Decision Making, August 10, 2005, to facilitate and document the lead agencies; structured interaction with the public and other agencies and to inform the public and other agencies of how the coordination will be accomplished. The Project Coordination Plan will promote early and continuous involvement from stakeholders, agencies, and the public as well as

described the proposed project, the roles of the agencies and the public, the project need and purpose, schedule, level of detail for alternatives analysis, methodologies to be used in the environmental analysis, and the proposed process for coordination and communication.

This Project Coordination Plan is designed to be part of a flexible and adaptable process. The Plan will be available for public review, inputs, and comments at public meetings, including scoping meetings and hearings held throughout the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) evaluation process, and upon request at the TxDOT El Paso District. Pursuant to 23 U.S.C. Chapter 1 Subchapter 1 Section 139 of SAFETEA-LU, cooperating agencies, participating agencies and the public will be given an opportunity for input in the development of the project. Two public scoping meetings, conducted in an open house format, are planned to be held in October 2007. These will be the first in a series of meetings to solicit public comments throughout the planning process on the proposed action as part of the national Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) process.

The scoping meetings will provide opportunities for participating agencies, cooperating agencies, and the public to be involved in defining the need and purpose for the proposed project, and to assist in determining the range of alternatives for consideration in the EIS and alternative evaluation methodologies. Notices of the public scoping meetings will be published in newspapers of general circulation in the project area at least 30 days prior to the meetings, and again approximately 10 days prior to the meetings. In addition to the public scoping meetings, correspondence describing the proposed action and soliciting comments to be considered during the scoping process will be sent to the appropriate federal, state, and local agencies, and to organizations and individuals who have previously expressed or are known to have an interest in the project. Public scoping meetings and public hearings will be held during appropriate phases of the project development process. Public notices will be given stating the date, time and location of each and will be published in English as well as Spanish. The Draft EIS will be available for public and agency review and comment prior to a public hearing.

To ensure that the full range of issues related to this proposed action are addressed and all significant issues identified, comments and suggestions are invited from all interested parties. Comments or questions concerning this

proposed action and the EIS should be directed to FHWA at the address provided.

A proposed schedule for completion of the environmental review process is not available at this time; however, will become accessible for public review at a futures date.

(Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance program Number 20.205 Highway Planning and Construction. The regulations implementing Executive Order 12372 regarding intergovernmental consultation on Federal programs and activities apply to this program.)

Donald Davis,

District Engineer, FHWA Texas Division.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Maritime Administration

[USCG-2006-26844]

Woodside Natural Gas Inc. OceanWay Secure Energy Liquefied Natural Gas Deepwater Port License Application

AGENCY: Maritime Administration, DOT.

ACTION: Notice of application.

SUMMARY: The Maritime Administration and the U.S. Coast Guard announce that they have received an application for the licensing of a natural gas deepwater port, and that the application appears to contain the required information to proceed. This notice summarizes the applicant's plans and the procedures that will be followed in considering the application.

DATES: The Deepwater Port Act of 1974, as amended, requires any public hearing on this application to be held not later than 240 days after this notice, and requires a decision on the application to be made not later than 90 days after the final public hearing.

ADDRESSES: The public docket for this application, USCG-2006-26844, is maintained by the: Department of Transportation, Docket Management Facility, 1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE., West Building, Ground Floor, Room W12-140, Washington, DC 20590.

Docket contents are available for public inspection and copying at this address between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays. The Facility's telephone number is 202-366-9329 and the fax number is 202-493-2251. The Web site for electronic submissions or for electronic access to docket contents is <http://dms.dot.gov>.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Roddy Bachman, U.S. Coast Guard,

telephone: 202-372-1752, e-mail: Roddy.C.Bachman@uscg.mil. If you have questions on viewing the docket, call Renee V. Wright, Program Manager, Docket Operations, telephone: 202-493-0402.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Receipt of Application

On August 17, 2006, the Coast Guard and the Maritime Administration received an application from Woodside Natural Gas Inc., a wholly-owned subsidiary of Woodside Petroleum LTD., for all Federal authorizations required for a license to own, construct, and operate a deepwater port authorized under the Deepwater Port Act of 1974, as amended, 33 U.S.C. 1501 *et seq.* (the Act). The City of Los Angeles (City) will be a cooperating agency in processing this application because Woodside Natural Gas, Inc. has filed an application for a lease/franchise of offshore submerged City lands, an onshore pipeline franchise for the subsea pipelines through City waters, and a pipeline through the City. Revisions to the application were received on December 27, 2006; on July 9, 2007; and again on August 20, 2007. As of the date of this notice, the Maritime Administration and the Coast Guard have determined that the application appears to contain all information required by the Act to proceed with the application process. The application is now available for viewing on the docket (see **ADDRESSES**).

Background

According to the Deepwater Port Act, a deepwater port is a fixed or floating manmade structure other than a vessel, or a group of structures, located beyond State seaward boundaries and used or intended for use as a port or terminal for the transportation, storage, and further handling of oil or natural gas for transportation to any State.

Deepwater ports require a license issued by the Maritime Administrator (by delegated authority from the Secretary of Transportation, published on June 18, 2003 (68 FR 36496)). Statutory and regulatory requirements for licensing appear in 33 U.S.C. 1501 *et seq.* and in 33 CFR Part 148. Under delegations from the Secretary of Transportation and the Secretary of Homeland Security, applications are processed by the Coast Guard and the Maritime Administration. Each application is considered on its merits.

The Act provides deadlines for processing applications. After determining that an application contains the required information, public hearings on the application must

be held within 240 days, and the Maritime Administrator must render a decision on the application within 330 days. Additional **Federal Register** notices will be published throughout the application review process to provide notice of public hearings and other procedural milestones. The Maritime Administrator's decision, and other key documents, will be filed in the public docket.

At least one public hearing will take place in each adjacent coastal State. For purposes of the Act, California is the adjacent coastal State for this application. Other States can apply for adjacent coastal State status in accordance with 33 U.S.C. 1508(a)(2).

Summary of the Application/Proposed Action/Project

Woodside Natural Gas proposes to construct, own, and operate a deepwater port with associated ship-to-ship transfer (STS) location(s) and single point mooring (SPM) buoys for the receiving of regasification liquefied natural gas carriers (RLNGCs), offshore and onshore natural gas pipelines, and a receiving and custody transfer facility (RCTS) to deliver natural gas with an annualized rate of 0.4 billion cubic feet per day (bcf/d) and a peak of 1.1 bcf/d into the Southern California market on initial development and an annualized rate of 1.0 bcf/d and a peak of up to 1.6 bcf/d at full project development.

The deepwater port would be located in the Federal waters of the Santa Monica Basin, 21 miles from the nearest point on the mainland of Southern California and 18 miles from the western end of Santa Catalina Island, approximately 27 miles southwest of Los Angeles International Airport (LAX), in a water depth of approximately 3,000 feet. It would consist of two single point mooring (SPM) buoys that serve as cargo discharge system connections for RLNGCs, a mooring/anchoring array, four flexible risers that connect the SPMs to four seafloor riser end manifolds, two pipeline end manifolds (PLEMs) and two parallel 24-inch pipelines beginning on the seafloor at the PLEMs beneath the SPM buoys and continuing to shore. The SPMs would be located approximately 5 nautical miles (5.75 miles) outside established shipping lanes (SPM NE: Latitude: 33°41'52" N, Longitude: 118°48'33" W and SPM SW: Latitude: 33°39'58" N, Longitude: 118°49'15" W).

Woodside has proposed three ship-to-ship transfer locations ranging from approximately 35 to 90 nautical miles (40 to 104 miles) from shore and 55 to 111 nautical miles (63 to 128 miles)

A-2: *Texas Register* NOI – September 12, 2007

The purpose of this RFP is to train Critical Access Hospital healthcare professionals to manage crisis health situations with limited resources; to develop a timely, organized, rational response to the care of the trauma patient through a team approach and increase the efficiency of resource utilization and improve the level of care provided to the injured patient in the rural environment.

USE OF FUNDS: The funds will be used to train CAH healthcare professional to manage crisis health situations with limited resources; to develop a timely, organized, rational response to the care of the trauma patient through a team approach and increase the efficiency of resource utilization and improve the level of care provided to the injured patient in the rural environment.

AMOUNT OF AWARDS: This program is supported by funds from the Medicare Rural Hospital Flexibility Flex) Program, Grant No. H54RH00055 awarded by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Health Resources and Services Administration's (HRSA) Office of Rural Health Policy (ORHP). ORCA may commit up to \$70,000 for this program for FY 2008.

ELIGIBLE APPLICANTS: Only public and non-profit organizations with demonstrable experience and history in working with Critical Access Hospitals in developing trauma teams are eligible to respond to this RFP. ORCA invites qualified Applicants to submit proposals for a cost-effective trauma team training program. The selected Applicant will work with ORCA staff as necessary to ensure achievement of program goals.

EVALUATION AND SELECTION: ORCA: Proposals will be evaluated using the following criteria: Applicant's Experience (Capability and Support); Description of Need; Project Description; Cost and Fee Proposal.

DEADLINE: Applications are available September 11, 2007. Completed applications are due by 5:00 p.m. on October 12, 2007. Late proposals will not be opened or considered under any circumstances. Announcement of the selected applicants will be made by October 19, 2007.

CONTRACT PERIOD: The budget period for applications funded under this RFP will be November 1, 2007 - August 31, 2008.

CONTACT PERSON: To obtain the application, please contact Cindy Miller:

Office of Rural Community Affairs, P.O. Box 12877, Austin, Texas 78711; telephone: (512) 936-6702; e-mail: orca@orca.state.tx.us; web site: www.orca.state.tx.us.

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Charles S. Stone

Executive Director

Office of Rural Community Affairs

Filed: September 11, 2007

Texas Department of Transportation

Notice of Intent - Loop 375 César Chávez Highway (Border Highway West Extension), El Paso County, Texas

Pursuant to 43 TAC §2.5(e)(2), the Texas Department of Transportation (department), in cooperation with the Federal Highway Administration, is issuing this notice to advise the public that an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) will be prepared for a proposed transportation project. The project is proposed Loop 375, the César Chávez Highway (Border Highway West Extension) in El Paso, Texas. The project is part of an alternate route to provide congestion relief for Interstate 10 (I-10), an east-west facility north of the proposed project. The project would extend

approximately 13.8 miles and would provide a continuous route from I-10 east of State Highway (SH) 20 (Mesa Street) to Sunland Park Drive continuing on Loop 375 to end at United States Highway (US) 54. The existing facility is as follows:

1. Six-lane expressway from I-10 to Sunland Park Drive.
2. Four-lane facility along US 85 from New Mexico Route 273 to US 62 (Paisano Drive).
3. Four-lane boulevard from Paisano Drive to Santa Fe Street.
4. Four to six-lane boulevard transitioning to a six-lane barrier separated controlled access facility from Santa Fe Street to US 54.

The project would add capacity and upgrade the existing facility to a controlled access facility through the addition of two to four through-lanes (one to two lanes in each direction).

The EIS will evaluate potential impacts from construction and operation of the project, including, but not limited to, the following: impacts or potential displacements to residents and businesses; detours; air and noise impacts from construction equipment and operation of the project; water quality impacts from the construction area and from roadway storm water runoff; impacts to waters of the United States; impacts to historic and archeological resources; impacts to floodplains; impacts to socio-economic resources (including environmental justice and limited English proficiency populations); indirect impacts; cumulative impacts; land use; vegetation; wildlife; and aesthetic and visual resources. Unique and potential significant impacts could include aesthetic and visual resources, noise, water quality, and cultural resources.

The department will consider several alternatives intended to satisfy the identified need and purpose. The alternatives will include the no-build alternative, Transportation System Management/Transportation Demand Management, mass transit, and roadway build alternatives. The roadway build alternatives may range from a two-lane road to a six-lane road, may include limited access and non-limited access (arterial) designs, and toll and non-toll lanes. There are international crossings located within the project limits, and the department will study the need to elevate or depress portions of the proposed facility.

The project may require the following approvals by the federal government: Section 106 (National Historic Preservation Act), Sections 401 and 404 (Clean Water Act), and Section 7 (Endangered Species Act). The actual approvals required may change after the department completes field surveys and if an alignment for the build alternative is selected.

A Project Coordination Plan will be provided in accordance with 23 U.S.C. §139 to facilitate and document the lead agencies' structured interaction with the public and other agencies and to inform the public and other agencies of how the coordination will be accomplished. The Project Coordination Plan will promote early and continuous involvement from stakeholders, agencies, and the public as well as describe the proposed project, the roles of the agencies and the public, the project need and purpose, schedule, level of detail for alternatives analysis, methodologies to be used in the environmental analysis, and the proposed process for coordination and communication.

The Project Coordination Plan is designed to be part of a flexible and adaptable process. The Plan will be available for public review, inputs, and comments at public meetings, including scoping meetings and hearings held throughout the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) evaluation process and, upon request, at the department's El Paso District Office.

A scoping meeting is an opportunity for participating agencies, cooperating agencies, and the public to be involved in defining the need and purpose for the proposed project, to assist in determining the range of alternatives for consideration in the draft EIS, and to comment on methodologies to evaluate alternatives. The department will publish notice that scoping meetings will be held. The department currently intends to hold two scoping meetings in October 2007. The notice will be published in newspapers of general circulation in the project area at least 30 days prior to the meetings and again approximately 10 days prior to the meetings.

The department will complete the procedures for public participation and coordination with other agencies as described in one or both NEPA and state law. In addition to any scoping meetings, the department will hold a series of meetings to solicit public comment during the environmental review process. They will be held during appropriate phases of the project development process. Public notices will be given stating the date, time, and location of the meeting or hearing and will be published in English as well as Spanish. Provision will be made for those with special communication needs, including translation if requested. The department will also send correspondence to federal, state, and local agencies, and to organizations and individuals who have previously expressed or are known to have an interest in the project, which will describe the proposed project and solicit comments. The department invites comments and suggestions from all interested parties to ensure that the full range of issues related to the proposed project are identified and addressed. Comments or questions should be directed to the department at the address set forth below.

A proposed schedule for completion of the environmental review process is not available.

Agency Contact: Comments or questions concerning this proposed action and the EIS should be sent to Mark Longenbaugh, P.E., Director of Transportation Planning and Development, Texas Department of Transportation, 13301 Gateway Boulevard West, El Paso, Texas 79928-5410, (915) 790-4272.

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Bob Jackson

General Counsel

Texas Department of Transportation

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A-3: *Federal Register* Rescind NOI – October 3, 2011

DEPARTMENT OF STATE

[Public Notice: 7624]

Waiver of Restriction on Assistance to the Central Government of Gabon

Pursuant to Section 7086(c)(2) of the Department of State, Foreign Operations, and Related Programs Appropriations Act, 2010 (Division F, Pub. L. 111-117), as carried forward by the Full-Year Continuing Appropriations Act, 2011 (Div. B, Pub. L. 112-10) ("the Act"), and Department of State Delegation of Authority Number 245-1, I hereby determine that it is important to the national interest of the United States to waive the requirements of Section 7086(c)(1) of the Act with respect to Gabon and I hereby waive such restriction.

This determination shall be reported to the Congress, and published in the **Federal Register**.

Dated: July 28, 2011.

Thomas Nides,

Deputy Secretary of State for Management and Resources.

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE

[Public Notice: 7628]

Waiver of Restriction on Assistance to the Central Government of the Kingdom of Swaziland

Pursuant to Section 7086(c)(2) of the Department of State, Foreign Operations, and Related Programs Appropriations Act, 2010 (Div. F, Pub. L. 111-117), as carried forward by the Full-Year Continuing Appropriations Act, 2011 (Div. B, Pub. L. 112-10) ("the Act"), and Department of State Delegation of Authority Number 245-1, I hereby determine that it is important to the national interest of the United States to waive the requirements of Section 7086(c)(1) of the Act with respect to the Kingdom of Swaziland and I hereby waive such restriction.

This determination shall be reported to the Congress, and published in the **Federal Register**.

Dated: June 24, 2011.

Thomas Nides,

Deputy Secretary of State for Management and Resources.

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE

[Public Notice: 7627]

Waiver of Restriction on Assistance to the Transitional Federal Government of Somalia

Pursuant to Section 7086(c)(2) of the Department of State, Foreign Operations, and Related Programs Appropriations Act, 2010 (Div. F, Pub. L. 111-117) as carried forward by the Full-Year Continuing Appropriations Act, 2011 (Div. B, Pub. L. 112-10) ("the Act"), and Department of State Delegation of Authority Number 245-1, I hereby determine that it is important to the national interest of the United States to waive the requirements of Section 7086(c)(1) of the Act with respect to Somalia and I hereby waive such restriction.

This determination shall be reported to the Congress, and published in the **Federal Register**.

Dated: July 28, 2011.

Thomas Nides,

Deputy Secretary of State for Management and Resources.

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE

[Public Notice 7630]

Waiver of Restriction on Assistance to the Central Government of Côte d'Ivoire

Pursuant to Section 7086(c)(2) of the Department of State, Foreign Operations, and Related Programs Appropriations Act, 2010 (Div. F, Pub. L. 111-117) (SFOAA), Section 7086(c)(2) of the SFOAA as carried forward by the Full-Year Continuing Appropriations Act 2011 (Div. B, Pub. L. 112-10), and Department of State Delegation of Authority Number 245-1, I hereby determine that it is important to the national interest of the United States to waive the requirements of Section 7086(c)(1) of the SFOAA and Section 7086(c)(1) of the 2011 Full-Year Continuing Appropriations Act with respect to Côte d'Ivoire and I hereby waive such restrictions.

This determination shall be reported to the Congress, and published in the **Federal Register**.

Dated: July 20, 2011.

Thomas Nides,

Deputy Secretary of State for Management and Resources.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Aviation Administration

Environmental Impact Statement: Theodore Francis Green Airport, Warwick, RI

AGENCY: Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), DOT.

ACTION: Notice of Availability.

SUMMARY: The FAA is issuing this notice to advise the public that a Record of Decision (ROD), resulting from an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) has been prepared for Theodore Francis Green Airport, in Warwick, Rhode Island.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Richard Doucette, Environmental Program Manager, Federal Aviation Administration New England, 12 New England Executive Park, Burlington, MA. Telephone (781) 238-7613.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The FAA is making available a ROD regarding installation of runway safety areas, other safety improvements, a runway extension, and other efficiency improvements at Theodore Francis Green Airport, in Warwick, Rhode Island. The ROD documents the final Agency decisions regarding the proposed projects as described and analyzed in the EIS. The ROD is available for review during normal business hours at the following locations: FAA New England Region, Airports Division, 16 New England Executive Park, Burlington, Massachusetts (781) 238-7613, Theodore Francis Green Airport, 2000 Post Rd, Warwick, Rhode Island, and at public libraries in Warwick and Cranston, Rhode Island.

Issued on: September 23, 2011.

Bryon H. Rakoff,

Acting Manager, Airports Division.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Highway Administration

Environmental Impact Statement: El Paso County, TX

AGENCY: Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), DOT.

ACTION: Rescind Notice of Intent (NOI) to prepare an EIS.

SUMMARY: FHWA is issuing this notice to advise the public that the NOI to prepare an environmental impact statement (EIS) for proposed

improvements to Loop 375 Border Highway West, in El Paso County, Texas, is being rescinded.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Gregory S. Punske, P.E., District Engineer, Federal Highway Administration, Texas Division, 300 East 8th Street, Room 826, Austin, Texas 78701, Telephone (512) 536-5960.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: In September 2007, the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) and FHWA announced their intent to prepare an EIS pursuant to 40 CFR 1508.22 and 43 TAC Sec. 2.5(e)(2) for the proposed Loop 375 César Chávez Highway (Border Highway West Extension) in El Paso, Texas, to include the Texas, New Mexico, and Ciudad Juárez, Chihuahua México border region. The proposed Border Highway West Extension project limits extended approximately 13.8 miles to provide a continuous route from Interstate 10 (I-10) east of State Highway (SH) 20 (Mesa Street) to Sunland Park Drive and continued on Loop 375 to end at United States Highway (US) 54. The proposed project was part of an alternate route to provide congestion relief for I-10, an east-west facility north of the project. The Loop 375 Border Highway West Extension Project was originally included in the Gateway 2030 Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP); and is currently included in the current Mission 2035 MTP, a transportation program adopted by the El Paso Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) in August of 2010 and approved for air conformity on January 28, 2011.

The EIS was in the preliminary stages of development. Two scoping meetings were held for cooperating and participating agencies on October 23, 2007 and October 30, 2007 at the El Paso International Airport Board Room, 6701 Convair Road, El Paso, Texas. In addition, two public scoping meetings were held on these same dates at Hilos de Plata Senior Center and the Westside Regional Command Center, El Paso, Texas.

FHWA and TxDOT have decided to rescind the Notice of Intent because the Texas Department of Transportation will be using State funding for the delivery of the project. A project containing no Federal funds or Federal actions is not required to complete NEPA project approvals. Further, the project will be broken into several phases or projects, all to be funded with State funds and all to have logical termini and independent utility. Consequently, the previously proposed project will undergo several environmental evaluations under a State

environmental process. Comments or questions concerning the rescission of this proposed action and the EIS should be directed to the FHWA at the address provided above.

Gregory S. Punske,
District Engineer, Austin, Texas.
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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration

[Docket No. FMCSA-2011-0225]

Agency Information Collection Activities; New Information Collection Request; Commercial Driver Individual Differences Study

AGENCY: Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA), DOT.

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, FMCSA announces its plan to submit the Information Collection Request (ICR) described below to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for its review and approval and invites public comment. The FMCSA requests approval of a new ICR that is associated with a study that will be conducted by a research contractor to investigate the differences among the characteristics of individual commercial drivers. This information collection will aid FMCSA in developing future safety initiatives by examining a wide array of driver and situational factors to determine if they are associated with increased or decreased crash and incident involvement.

DATES: Comments must be submitted on or before December 2, 2011.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments identified by Federal Docket Management System (FDMS) Docket Number FMCSA-2011-0225 using any of the following methods:

- *Federal eRulemaking Portal:* <http://www.regulations.gov>. Follow the online instructions for submitting comments.
- *Fax:* 1-202-493-2251.
- *Mail:* Docket Management Facility; U.S. Department of Transportation, 1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE., West Building, Ground Floor, Room W12-140, 20590-0001.

- *Hand Delivery or Courier:* West Building, Ground Floor, Room W12-140, 1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE., Washington, DC, between 9 a.m. and 5

p.m. e.t., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

Instructions: All submissions must include the Agency name and docket number. For detailed instructions on submitting comments and additional information on the exemption process, see the Public Participation heading below. Note that all comments received will be posted without change to <http://www.regulations.gov>, including any personal information provided. Please see the Privacy Act heading below.

Docket: For access to the docket to read background documents or comments received, go to <http://www.regulations.gov>, and follow the online instructions for accessing the dockets, or go to the street address listed above.

Privacy Act: Anyone is able to search the electronic form of all comments received into any of our dockets by the name of the individual submitting the comment (or signing the comment, if submitted on behalf of an association, business, labor union, etc.). You may review DOT's complete Privacy Act Statement for the Federal Docket Management System published in the *Federal Register* on January 17, 2008 (73 FR 3316), or you may visit <http://edocket.access.gpo.gov/2008/pdfE8-794.pdf>.

Public Participation: The Federal eRulemaking Portal is available 24 hours each day, 365 days each year. You can obtain electronic submission and retrieval help and guidelines under the "help" section of the Federal eRulemaking Portal Web site. If you want us to notify you that we received your comments, please include a self-addressed, stamped envelope or postcard, or print the acknowledgement page that appears after submitting comments online. Comments received after the comment closing date will be included in the docket and will be considered to the extent practicable.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Theresa Hallquist, Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration, Office of Analysis, Research and Technology, Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration, 1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE., Washington, DC 20590-0001. Telephone (202) 366-1064 or e-mail theresa.hallquist@dot.gov. Office hours are from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., ET, Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The purpose of this study is to identify, verify, quantify, and prioritize commercial driver risk factors. Primarily, these are personal factors

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Adriana A. Gonzales
Rules Coordinator
Public Utility Commission of Texas
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Notice of Application to Defer Expenses

Notice is given to the public of a petition for authority to defer expenses related to a proposed transition to membership in the Midwest Independent Transmission System Operator Regional Transmission Organization filed with the Public Utility Commission of Texas on September 2, 2011.

Docket Style and Number: Application of Entergy Texas, Inc. for Authority to Defer Expenses Related to its Proposed Transition to Membership in the Midwest Independent Transmission System Operator, Docket Number 39741.

The Application: Entergy Texas, Inc. (ETI) filed an application with the Public Utility Commission of Texas (commission) requesting authority to defer expenses related to its proposed transition to membership in the Midwest Independent Transmission System Operator (MISO) Regional Transmission Organization (RTO). ETI requests an accounting order authorizing the Company to defer for future review all O&M expenses incurred in the course of transitioning to the MISO RTO. ETI requests that the commission issue an accounting order by the end of 2011, if possible.

Persons who wish to intervene in the proceeding or comment upon the action sought should contact the Public Utility Commission of Texas, P.O. Box 13326, Austin, Texas 78711-3326, or call the commission's Customer Protection Division at (512) 936-7120 or (888) 782-8477. Hearing and speech-impaired individuals with text telephones (TTY) may contact the commission at (512) 936-7136 or use Relay Texas (toll-free) (800) 735-2989. A deadline to intervene or comment will be established. All correspondence should refer to Docket Number 39741.

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Texas State Technical College System

Request for Proposals for Outside Counsel

Texas State Technical College (TSTC), an institution of higher education and an agency of the State of Texas, is seeking proposals from attorneys licensed in Delaware who practice bankruptcy law. TSTC is the owner of property which is currently leased to a bankruptcy petitioner who has filed Chapter 11 Bankruptcy in Delaware. TSTC is therefore seeking counsel to protect the interests of TSTC in the bankruptcy proceedings in that jurisdiction. For further information, please see the Request for Proposal (RFP) SYS 1200 issued September 12, 2011 and posted on the Texas Marketplace at http://esbd.cpa.state.tx.us/bid_show.cfm?bidid=96818.

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Texas Department of Transportation

Cancellation of Notice of Intent - Loop 375 Border Highway West, El Paso, Texas

The Texas Department of Transportation (department), in cooperation with the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), is issuing this notice to advise the public that the Notice of Intent (NOI) to prepare a federal-level environmental impact statement (EIS) for Loop 375 Border Highway West Extension project is being rescinded. In September 2007, the department and FHWA announced their intent to prepare an EIS pursuant to 43 Texas Administrative Code (TAC) §2.12(d) for the proposed Loop 375 César Chávez Highway (Border Highway West Extension) in El Paso, Texas, to include the Texas, New Mexico, and Ciudad Juárez, Chihuahua México border region. The proposed Border Highway West Extension project limits extended approximately 13.8 miles to provide a continuous route from Interstate 10 (I-10) east of State Highway (SH) 20 (Mesa Street) to Sunland Park Drive and continued on Loop 375 to end at United States Highway (US) 54. The proposed project was part of an alternate route to provide congestion relief for I-10, an east-west facility north of the project. The Loop 375 Border Highway West Extension Project was originally included in the *Gateway 2030* Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP); and, is currently included in the current **Mission 2035 MTP**, a transportation program adopted by the El Paso Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) in August of 2010 and approved for air conformity on January 28, 2011.

The EIS was in the preliminary stages of development. Two scoping meetings were held for cooperating and participating agencies on October 23, 2007 and October 30, 2007 at the El Paso International Airport Board Room, 6701 Convair Road, El Paso, Texas. In addition, two public scoping meetings were held on these same dates at Hilos de Plata Senior Center and the Westside Regional Command Center, El Paso, Texas.

The department has decided to issue this cancellation of the federal-level NOI because of a change to utilize state funding. The department intends to publish a new NOI in the future. The project under the new NOI will be processed as a state-funded project and will follow 43 TAC Chapter 2. Appropriate project scoping, meetings, and environmental documents will be completed in the future as the project proceeds with the new scope and limits.

Agency Contact: Ray Dovalina, P.E., Deputy District Engineer, El Paso District, Texas Department of Transportation, 13301 Gateway Boulevard West, El Paso, Texas 79928-5410; Telephone: (915) 790-4200.

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Notice of Intent - Loop 375 Border Highway West Extension Project, El Paso County, Texas

Pursuant to 43 Texas Administrative Code §2.5(e)(2), the Texas Department of Transportation is issuing this notice to advise the public that a state-level Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) will be prepared for the proposed transportation project, Loop 375 Border Highway West Extension Project in El Paso, Texas. The proposed project limits would be Park Street near downtown El Paso, to Racetrack Drive at its intersection with Doniphan Road, running approximately eight miles. The project would provide a continuation of Loop 375, starting

south of downtown and heading northwest. Currently traffic crossing the downtown area must take a circuitous route on local streets. Traffic starting at Park Street must take a four lane boulevard to US 62, and take US 85 from US 62 to New Mexico Route 273. The proposed project is currently included in the Mission 2035 Metropolitan Transportation Plan as a new six-lane partially controlled access facility that may follow portions of existing Loop 375 or US 85. Due to the changes in project funding, the project will proceed as a state-level EIS. This project description is subject to revision based on agency and public input as well as the completion of the Alternatives Analysis process.

The project would add capacity and upgrade the existing facility to a controlled access facility by adding two to four through-lanes (one to two lanes in each direction).

The EIS will evaluate potential impacts from construction and operation of the project, including, but not limited to, the following: impacts or potential displacements to residents and businesses; detours; air and noise impacts from construction equipment and operation of the project; water quality impacts from the construction area and from roadway storm water runoff; impacts to waters of the United States; impacts to historic and archeological resources; impacts to floodplains; impacts to socio-economic resources (including environmental justice and limited English proficiency populations); indirect impacts; cumulative impacts; land use; vegetation; wildlife; and aesthetic and visual resources. Unique and potential significant impacts could include aesthetic and visual resources, noise, water quality, and cultural resources.

The department will consider several alternatives intended to satisfy the identified need and purpose. The alternatives will include the no-build alternative, Transportation System Management/Transportation Demand Management, mass transit, and roadway build alternatives. The roadway build alternatives may include limited access and non-limited access (arterial) designs, and toll and non-toll lanes. There are international crossings located within the project limits and the department will study the need to elevate or depress portions of the proposed facility.

The project may require the following approvals by the federal government: Section 401/404 (Clean Water Act) and Section 7 (Endangered Species Act).

A project coordination plan will be provided to facilitate and document the lead agencies' structured interaction with the public and other agencies and to inform the public and other agencies of how the coordination will be accomplished. The project coordination plan will promote early and continuous involvement from stakeholders, agencies, and the public as well as describe the proposed project, the roles of the agencies and the public, the project need and purpose, schedule, level of detail for alternatives analysis, methodologies to be used in the environmental analysis, and the proposed process for coordination and communication.

The project coordination plan is designed to be part of a flexible and adaptable process. The plan will be available for public review, inputs, and comments at public meetings, including scoping meetings and hearings held throughout the environmental process, and upon request at the department's El Paso District Office.

A scoping meeting is an opportunity for participating agencies, cooperating agencies, and the public to be involved in defining the need and purpose for the proposed project, to assist in determining the range of alternatives for consideration in the draft EIS, and to comment on methodologies to evaluate alternatives. The department will publish notices that scoping meetings will be held. The department currently intends to hold scoping meetings in the fall of 2011. The notices will be published in newspapers of general circulation in the project area at

least 30 days prior to the meetings, and again approximately 10 days prior to the meetings.

Public notices will be given stating the date, time, and location of the meeting or hearing and will be published in English as well as Spanish. Provision will be made for those with special communication needs, including translation if requested. The department will also send correspondence to federal, state, and local agencies, and to organizations and individuals who have previously expressed or are known to have an interest in the project, which will describe the proposed project and solicit comments. The department invites comments and suggestions from all interested parties to ensure that the full range of issues related to the proposed project are identified and addressed. Comments or questions should be directed to the department at the address set forth below.

A proposed schedule for completion of the environmental review process is not available.

Agency Contact: Comments or questions concerning this proposed action and the EIS should be sent to Ray Dovalina, P.E., Deputy District Engineer, El Paso District, Texas Department of Transportation, 13301 Gateway Boulevard West, El Paso, Texas 79928-5410; telephone (915) 790-4200.

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Texas Water Development Board

Applications for September 2011

Pursuant to Texas Water Code §6.195, the Texas Water Development Board (TWDB) provides notice of the following applications:

Project ID #73604, a request from the City of Caddo Mills, P.O. Box 490, Caddo Mills, Texas 75135, received December 28, 2010, for a loan in the amount of \$4,430,000 from the Clean Water State Revolving Fund to finance wastewater system improvements, utilizing the pre-design funding option.

Project ID #62507, a request from the Town of Anthony, P.O. Box 1269, Anthony, Texas 79821, received December 29, 2010, for financial assistance in the amount of \$2,540,000 consisting of: (a) a loan in the amount of \$762,000; and (b) \$1,778,000 loan forgiveness, from the Drinking Water State Revolving Fund-Disadvantaged Community program to finance water system improvements utilizing the pre-design commitment option.

Project ID #10411, a request from the El Paso Water Utilities Public Service Board, P.O. Box 511, El Paso, Texas 79961-0001, received February 10, 2011, for a grant in the amount of \$82,000 from the Economically Distressed Areas Program for the planning, acquisition and design costs to provide first time water service in the Canutillo area - La Mesa, Vinton, and Seventh Streets, utilizing the pre-design funding option.

Project ID #10428, a request from the El Paso Water Utilities Public Service Board, P.O. Box 511, El Paso, Texas 79961-0001, received March 2011, for a grant in the amount of \$90,000 from the Economically Distressed Areas Program for the planning costs to provide first time water service in the Canutillo area - Georgia and Norma Streets, utilizing the pre-design funding option.

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At its option, the department may also elect to follow-up directly with respondents with more detailed questions or to clarify submissions.

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Revised Notice of Intent - Loop 375 Border Highway West Extension Project, El Paso County, Texas

Pursuant to 43 Texas Administrative Code §2.5(e)(2), the Texas Department of Transportation (department) is issuing this notice to advise the public that a state-level Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) will be prepared for a proposed transportation project, Loop 375 Border Highway West Extension Project in El Paso, Texas. The proposed project limits would be from Racetrack Drive to US 54 and would extend for approximately nine miles.

The project limits have been revised to extend the eastern project limits to US 54, approximately 1 mile, to include a new interchange at Coles Street. The Coles Street interchange would allow for much needed direct access from the east to downtown. This connection would provide a new, non-toll access point between US 54 and Santa Fe Street. The department also determined a need to revise the alternatives near the western terminus at US 85 and Racetrack Drive. Information regarding a proposed levee project, railroad easements, and potential historic structures became available following the December 2011 public scoping meeting. The revised alternatives at the US 85, Racetrack Drive, Doniphan Drive, and New Mexico 273 (McNutt Road) interchange would provide for a controlled access connection, better ramping configurations, improved trip circulation, and improved incident management for I-10.

The project would provide a continuation of Loop 375, starting south of downtown and heading northwest. Currently traffic crossing the downtown area must take a circuitous route on local streets. Traffic starting at Park Street must

take a four lane boulevard to US 62, and take US 85 from US 62 to New Mexico Route 273. The proposed project is currently included in the Mission 2035 Metropolitan Transportation Plan as a new four-lane partially controlled access facility that may follow portions of existing Loop 375 or US 85. Due to the changes in project funding, the project will proceed as a state-level EIS. This project description is subject to revision based on agency and public input as well as the completion of the alternatives analysis process.

The project would add capacity and upgrade the existing facility to a controlled access facility with four through-lanes (two lanes in each direction).

The EIS will evaluate potential impacts from construction and operation of the project, including, but not limited to, the following: impacts or potential displacements to residents and businesses; detours; air and noise impacts from construction equipment and operation of the project; water quality impacts from the construction area and from roadway storm water runoff; impacts to waters of the United States; impacts to historic and archeological resources; impacts to floodplains; impacts to socio-economic resources (including environmental justice and limited English proficiency populations); indirect impacts; cumulative impacts; land use; vegetation; wildlife; and aesthetic and visual resources. Unique and potential significant impacts could include aesthetic and visual resources, noise, water quality, and cultural resources.

The department will consider several alternatives intended to satisfy the identified need and purpose. The alternatives will include the no-build alternative, Transportation System Management/Transportation Demand Management, mass transit, and roadway build alternatives. The roadway build alternatives may include limited access and non-limited access (arterial) designs, and toll and non-toll lanes. There are international crossings located within the project limits and the department will study the need to elevate or depress portions of the proposed facility.

The project may require approvals by the federal government under Section 401 or 404 of the Clean Water Act and Section 7 of the Endangered Species Act. The actual approvals required may change after the department completes field surveys and selects the alignment for the project.

A revised project coordination plan has been prepared to guide coordination of public and agency participation in and comment on the environmental review process. Revisions to the Coordination Plan reflect the change to a state EIS process, change in project limits as stated in this notice, new state rule requirements effective April 16, 2012, and general updates and summary of information based on status of project development. The project coordination plan is designed to be part of a flexible and adaptable process. The revised plan will be available for public review at public meetings and hearings held throughout the environmental process, and upon request at the department's El Paso District Office. The public may submit comments on the revised coordination plan for a period of 30 days following the date of publication of this notice.

A scoping meeting is an opportunity for participating agencies, cooperating agencies, and the public to be involved in defining the need and purpose for the proposed project, to assist in determining the range of alternatives for consideration in the draft EIS, and to comment on methodologies to evaluate alternatives. The department has already held scoping meetings on October 23, and October 30, 2007, December 8, 2011, and June 20, 2012. The deadline for public comment on materials presented at the scoping meeting is July 2, 2012.

Public notices of any public meeting or hearing held on this project will be given stating the date, time, and location of the meeting or hearing and will be published in English as well as Spanish. Provision will be made for those with special communication needs, including translation if requested. The department will also send correspondence to federal, state, and local agencies, and to organizations and individuals who have previously expressed or are known to have an interest in the project, which will describe the proposed project and solicit comments. The department invites comments and suggestions from all interested parties to ensure that the full range of issues related to the proposed project are identified and addressed. Comments or questions should be directed to the department at the address set forth below.

A proposed schedule for completion of the environmental review process is available on the department's website: http://www.txdot.gov/project_information/projects/el_paso/border_highway_west.htm.

Agency Contact: Comments or questions concerning this proposed action and the EIS should be sent to Eduardo Calvo, Advance Transportation Planning Director, El Paso District, Texas Department of Transportation, 13301 Gateway Boulevard West, El Paso, Texas 79928-5410; telephone (915) 790-4200.

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